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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT LAMIZANA VISIT VATICAN

1. PRESIDENT LAMIZANA WAS RECEIVED WITH FULL HONORS IN VATICAN JUNE 18 AND HAD CORDIAL AUDIENCE WITH POPE PAUL VI. IN HIS REMARKS, LAMIZANA CITED POPE'S EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF WORLD PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS, EXTOLLED HARMONY BETWEEN RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN UPPER VOLTA, AND EXPRESSED HIS THANKS FOR CATHOLIC AID TO DROUGHT VICTIMS. IN HIS RESPONSE, POPE PAUL NOTED THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE DOING WHAT HE CAN DO ON BEHALF OF DROUGHT VICTIMS.

2. VATICAN SOURCE INFORMED US THAT SINCE THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS BETWEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND UPPER VOLTA, DISCUSSIONS WERE VERY GENERALIZED, WITH MAIN EMPHASIS ON SAHELIAN DROUGHT. IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESIDENTIAL VISIT, UPPER VOLTANS WERE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH HOLY SEE. ONE OFFICIAL SAID THAT SINCE THEY HAD SENT DELEGATIONS TO POPE JOHN'S FUNERAL, POPE PAUL'S CORONATION AND OTHER VATICAN FUNCTIONS, THEY ASSUMED THAT RELATIONS HAD THEREBY BEEN ESTABLISHED. IN ORDER FOR LAMIZANA TO RECEIVE FULL

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HONORS, VATICAN SOURCE SAID, PAPERWORK WAS HURRIED THROUGH SO THAT RELATIONS COULD BE ESTABLISHED ON JUNE 15.

3. PRESIDENT LAMIZANA ALSO PAID COURTESY CALL ON GRAND MASTER OF SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER OF MALTA. UPPER VOLTA HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN URGING ORDER OF MALTA TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THEIR COUNTRY. HOWEVER, THE KNIGHTS INFORM US THEY WILL NOT DO SO UNTIL THEY HAVE OBTAINED SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO BE ABLE TO OFFER UPPER VOLTA SOME SORT OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. OUR SOURCE FELT SOMETHING MIGHT BE ARRANGED LATER THIS YEAR. VOLPE

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